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SUBJECT : IVP NOMINATION: PARTIAL GRANT FOR TRANSITION QUARTER

DR. A.F. SLAHUDDIN AHMED, CHAIRMAN AND PROFESSOR OF HISTORY DEPARTMENT OF JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY AND LEADING PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES IN BANGLADESH HAS RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM EAST WEST CENTER TO ATTEND AND PRESENT A PAPER AT THE EWC INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR JUNE 28- JULY 1 AS PART OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. EWC IS PROVIDING ROUNDTRIP ECONOMY AIRFARE, MEALS, HOUSING AND INCIDENTALS ALLOWANCE. EMBASSY WISHES TO USE THIS AS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND DR. AHMED'S TRIP THROUGH PARTIAL GRANT TO SEE BICENTENNIAL USA IN GREATER DEPTH. AHMED, MA IN PHISTORY UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA 1952, PH.D. UNIV. OF LONDON AND NAMESA DELEGATE IN TEHRAN, 1975, IS IVP CALIBER AND ONE WHO WOULD BE RECOMMENDED FOR A FULL GRANT IN THE COMING YEAR. HIS PRESENCE IN HAWAII WILL AFFORD MISSION CHANCE TO ACHIEVE IVP GOALS THROUGH USE OF A PARTIAL GRANT IN THE TRANSITION QUARTER PERIOD. WE PROPOSE THAT THE RETURN PORTION OF HIS DACCA-HONOLULU TICKET BE CONVERTED TO NEW WORK-LONDON-DACCA TRAVEL AND THAT THE PARTIAL GRANT PICK HIM UP IN HONOLULU ON OR ABOUT JULY 2, AND CARRY HIM, WITH VARIOUS DOMESTIC STOPS BEGINNING IN CALIFORNIA, TO NEW YORK. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ADD ADDITIONAL FARE TO HIS TICKET FOR THE ECONOMICAL AROUND THE WORLD FARE RATE. NOMINATION DETAILS FOLLOW:

1. DR. A.F. SALAHUDDIN AHMED, 52, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, JAHANGIR-NAGAR UNIVERISTY AND CURRENTLY CHAIRMAN OF SAME DEPARTMENT, SINCE 1972.

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FORMERLY PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN OF HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, 1965-71. OTHER PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS: VISITING LECTURER ON SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY AT U.OF PENN. AND CHICAGO, 1963; WAS AWARDED UNESCO FELLOWSHIP FOR SIX MONTH CULTURAL STUDY AT KYOTO UNIVERSITY, 1956. TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN SEVERAL EUROPEAN AND FAR EAST COUNTRIES AS TOURIST AND TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES INCLUDING THE 28TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORIENTALISTS IN CANBERRA,

1971 AND NAMESA CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN STUDIES IN TEHRAN, 1975.

2. EDUCATION: B.A. HONORS AND M.A. HISTORY, CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY; A.M. FROM U. OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1953; PH.D. FROM U. OF LONDON, 1961. PUBLICATIONS: AUTHOR OF BOOD "SOCIAL IDEAS AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN BENGAL,

1818-1835," LEIDEN, E.J. BRILL, 1965, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER RESEARCH WRITINGS. CURRENTLY WRITING A PAPER "OWN PERCEPTION OF HOW AMERICA TODAY MEASURES UP TO ITS 18TH CENTURY IDEALS" TO BE A READ IN ECHOES OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION SESSION OF BICENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR SPONSORED JOINTLY BY U. OF HAWAII AND THE EAST WEST CENTER.

HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS: MEMBER, ASIATIC SOCIETY OF BANGLADESH, VICE-PRESIDENT, BANGLADESH ITIHASH PARISHAD. WAS MEMBER, AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

3. NATIONALITY: BANGLADESHI. SEX: MALE. ENGLISH LANGUAGE: GOOD BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND SOCIALLY. IS ELIGIBLE FOR VISA.

4. REASON FOR NOMINATION AND POST OBJECTIVES: BASED ON HIS LAST YEAR'S PARTICIPATION IN USIA-SPONSORED REGIONAL NAMESA CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN STUDIES HELD AT PAHLAVI UNIVERSITY, TEHRAN IN 1975 AND HIS COMING VISIT TO HAWAII ON THE FULLY FUNDED INVITATION FROM EW CENTER TO PARTICIPATE IN BICENTENNIAL INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR, DR. AHMED HAS INDICATED HIS INTEREST TO RE-VISIT U.S. MAINLAND. HE HAS NOT BEEN TO THE U.S. SINCE 19263, AND HAS QUERIED THE MISSION IF THERE WERE OPPOR-

TUNITIES TO OBSERVE BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES THERE. EMBASSY FEELS DR. AHMED IS AN OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE FOR A VISIT TO U.S. DURING ITS BICENTENNIAL YEAR AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF AN IV PARTIAL GRANT ENABLING HIM TO EXTEND HIS VISIT BEYOND HONOLULU FOR UPDATING ON

THE AMERICAN ACADEMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL SCENE. DR. AHMED IS A UNCLASSIFIED

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SENIOR PROFESSOR OF JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY WITH CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND CURRICULUM PLANNING. UPON HIS RETURN

FROM THE U.S. HE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN POST'S PROJECTED SEMINARS DISCUSSIONS OF "U.S. AFTER 200 YEARS," AND WILL LEND STRONG SUPPORT TO POST'S PROJECT OF PROMOTING AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM IN BANGLADESH.

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